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In re patent application of
Tadashi MATSUMOTO et al.
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For: SEAT SLIDE DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 3632
Examiner: J. A. Szumny

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the species of Group 1, Figures 1-7 and 16-18; for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-9, 11-15, 19-22, 24 and 26 are readable on the elected species.

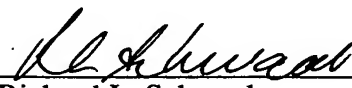
While the Examiner has indicated that no claim is generic, Applicants, however, believe that Claim 1 is generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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